GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:107
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FLOOD CONTROL IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite large-scale devastation caused by the flood in Assam year after year, as many as 79 beaches in the embankments of Brahmaputra remained to the plugged as on May 31, 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor indicating the devastations caused during last three years;

(c) whether the matter was brought to the notice of the Union Government in time; and

(d) if so, the reactions of the Union Government thereto ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (d) As per the Constitution, the primary responsibility of planning, design, execution, funding and maintenance of all types of irrigation works including flood control and drainage rests with the concerned State Government. The assistance as being rendered by the Central Government are technical, catalytical and promotional in nature. The State Government of Assam has intimated that 65 nos. of breaches and 14 nos. of cut, in total 79 nos. of gaps in embankments remained open as on 31.5.2001.

Further, as per information available from the State Government, the details of flood damage in the State of Assam for last three years are as under:-

Sl. No.	Description	1998	1999	2000
1.	Area affected (Million ha.)	1.324	0.223	0.966
2.	Population affected (Million)	6.957	0.891	3.888
3.	Damage to crop			
a)	Area (Million ha.)	0.478	0.05	0.322
b)	Value (Rs. in Crore)	463.304	950.461	173.520
4.	Damage to Houses			
a)	Nos.	220436	133	55014
b)	Value (Rs. in Crore)	33.646	1.499	16.484
5.	Cattle lost (Nos.)	86224	992	19988
6.	Human lives lost (Nos.)	125	3	36

7	Damage to public utilities (Rs. in Crore)	82.957	2.190	54.063
8.	Total damages crops, houses and public utilities (Rs. in Crore) (Sl.No. 3b+4b+7)	579.90 7	54.1 50	244.0 67